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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 23 May and Later

1. The following topics were covered at the 16 May Presidential Briefing in addition to some administrative and operational matters:

- A. Greece and Turkey
- B. Soviet Ship Deployments
- C. Sino-US Relations
- D. Soviet Compliance with US Fishing Regulations

2. The following topics are nominated for the 23 May Presidential Briefing:

- A. Warsaw Pact Forces
- B. Eritrean Assessment
- C. Military Lessons for Southern Africa Learned from Performance of Soviet and Cuban Forces in the Somali-Ethiopian Campaign

3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible officer and tentative briefing dates, if known, are shown:

- A. Philippine Opposition (NIO/EAP)
- B. South African Nuclear Program (NIO/NP) 6 June
- C. Soviet Electronic Countermeasures (OWI)
- D. Role of Evacuation in Soviet Civil Defense (OSR)
- E. NIE 11-4-78 (NIO/USSR) 13 June
- F. Political Ferment in Nicaragua (NIO/LA) 30 May
- G. Estimating SLBM Effectiveness--  
A Soviet and US Comparison (OWI)
- H. Panama - Situation after the Treaties (NIO/LA) 13 June
- I. India, a short update before PM Desai's Visit  
(NIO/NESA) 6 June
- J. US-USSR Technical Collection Comparison (NITC/OWI)
- K. Egypt's Water Problems and Use of Computer  
Simulation Model to Assess Future Alternative Water Management Strategies (OGCR)
- L. Soviet Actions to Cope with Their Economic  
Difficulties (OER) 20 June
- M. Soviet Air Defense Systems (OWI) 30 May
- N. Soviet Computer Technology (OSI/OER)

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- O. Law of the Sea After LOS-3 (OGCR) 6 June
- P. Soviet Performance During the Cosmos 954 Event (OWI)
- Q. Pakistan (NIO/NESA) 27 June
- R. Nuclear Power in the LDCs (OER)
- S. The French Left (ORPA) 30 May
- T. Sino-Soviet Relations (NIO/CH-NIO/USSR)
- U. Caribbean-Mexican Illegal Migration (OER)
- V. Prospects of Nuclear Terrorist Threats from Abroad (NIO/NP)

4. The following topics have been proposed as possible future topics for Presidential Briefings. These topics have not yet been approved by D/NFAC. After D/NFAC approval of the topic, the responsible officer will be asked to provide an outline for the DCI's approval. Preparation of the draft briefing starts after the outline is approved.

- A. US-USSR Arms Transfer Comparison
- B. Bonn Economic Summit
- C. FRG-USSR Relations
- D. Soviet Natural Gas Capacity
- E. Monitoring Arms Control Agreements
- F. Chinese Plans to Increase Science and Technology Capability

5. Basic preparation work has been completed on the following briefings. They are being held awaiting an appropriate opportunity to use them. The responsible officer will be contacted by the PBC for a last-minute review and update of the briefing. Responsible officers are requested to inform the PBC if these topics are to be treated in the PDB, NID or other intelligence publication so that the briefings can be canceled or modified as appropriate.

- A. Covert Communications (OTS)
- B. Monitoring a CW Ban (OSI)
- C. Soviet Forced Labor (OGCR)
- D.

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6. The following topics are dropped from the list of topics to be prepared for the reasons indicated:

- A. Soviet Nuclear Material Production Capability and Needs.  
Insufficient new information.
- B. Soviet Policy in Africa. Insufficient new information.
- C. Prospects for China after the National Peoples Congress.  
Preempted by Sino-US Relations briefing.
- D. Mideast Nuclear Capabilities. Insufficient new information since last briefing.

7. The D/ORPA, D/OCR and NIOs NP, NESA and LA are requested to nominate topics for use in late June or early July to the PBC by COB Tuesday, 23 May. The D/OER, D/OSI and NIOs CF, SS and AF will be requested to nominate topics for use in early July the following week.

8. A tentative schedule for major topic preparation is attached.



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# TENTATIVE MAJOR TOPIC PREPARATION SCHEDULE

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Backup Material to DCI on:</u>	<u>DCI/NFAC Meeting on:</u>	<u>Presidential Briefing on:</u>
15 May	Nicaraguan Politics Southeast Asia Soviet Air Defenses	China	Greece & Turkey China Soviet Ship Deployments
22 May	Law of the Sea South African Nuclear Program	SE Asia	Warsaw Pact Military Lessons of Soviet/ Cuban Involvement
29 May	NIE 11-4-78 Panama	Law of the Sea	Soviet Air Defenses Nicaragua The French Left
5 June	Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems	Around-the-table with NIOs	Law of the Sea South African Nuclear Program India
12 June	Pakistan	Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems	NIE 11-4-78 Panama
19 June	Sino-Soviet Relations	Pakistan	Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems
26 June	?	Sino-Soviet	Pakistan

Filler material is or will be available on the following topics:

25X1A	-Soviet Forced Labor -Covert Communications -Monitoring a CW Ban -Philippine Opposition -Soviet Electronic Countermeasures	-Soviet Computer Technology -Soviet Performance During the COSMOS 954 Event -Nuclear Power in the LDCs -Estimating SLBM Effectiveness -US-USSR Technical Collection Comparison
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Note that this schedule is tentative. It will be revised weekly and major changes may take place from week to week.

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